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(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what steps Government propose to take to prevent the shifting of such textile machinery?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Production of chlorine in the Province.

* 107 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of factories responsible for the production of chlorine in the Province;

(*b*) the quantity produced by each factory;

(*c*) the normal consumption of chlorine in the Province;

(*d*) whether the panel on heavy chemicals has fixed any target of production to meet the increasing demand; and

(*e*) what steps the Government propose to take to step up production of chlorine?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) The Mettur Chemicals, Limited, is the only factory in the Province producing chlorine.

" (*b*) This factory produces one ton of chlorine per day.

" (*c*) Information regarding the total consumption of chlorine in the Province is not available.

" (*d*) Yes. The panel on heavy chemicals has fixed the five-year target for chlorine at 40,000 tons per annum.

" (*e*) There is no proposal to start a Government factory for the production of chlorine. The Government have however recommended to the Government of India the floatation of certain companies for the starting of factories for the manufacture of chemicals including chlorine. When these factories are started, the production of chlorine will be speeded up in the Province."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know how many factories are proposed to be set up and what is the capacity of each of them?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I would suggest to the hon. Member to put a separate question."

Takkavi loans.

* 108 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government are charging $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent as interest on takkavi loans obtained by the land owners and agriculturists under the Land Improvement Loans Act and Agriculturists' Loans Act;